insists on consolidating and modernizing its military presence on the island, which is bound further to deepen the de facto partition. On the contrary, the Government of Cyprus is considerably decreasing its defence budget, consistently implementing the project of demining National Guard minefields, and during the last year submitted a series of military peacebuilding measures to reduce tension.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the above-cited actions and express the sincere hope that the Government of Turkey will take heed both of the call of the international community and of the will of Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots to build their common future on the basis of mutual trust, security and respect. Turkey's aspiration to accede to the European Union and to play a decisive role in the region should lead Ankara to reconsider its policy on Cyprus, adopt a forward-looking approach and contribute to a peaceful settlement of the Cyprus issue. In this context, let me refer specifically to Security Council resolution 1251 (1999) and its explicit call for the reduction of all troops and armaments in Cyprus as a first step towards the withdrawal of non-Cypriot forces, in order to help restore confidence between the two sides. The same resolution stresses the importance of an eventual demilitarization of the Republic of Cyprus as a major objective in the context of a comprehensive settlement.

I would be grateful if the text of this letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 29, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andreas D. **Mavroyiannis**

Annex to the letter dated 14 June 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

ARRIVALS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENTS AND PERSONNEL

DATE	SHIP	PORT	PERSONNEL	MAIN BATTLE TANK M-48A5	ARMOURED PERSONNEL CARRIER M-113	ARMOURED PERSONNEL CARRIER (TOW II M-113 MOUNTED)	TOWED HOWITZER 203 mm M 115	HEAVY TRANSPORT MANAS	FUEL TRACK	ARMOURED RECOVERY VEHICLE M-578	LT TRANSPORT MERCEDES
03 January 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA	350					20			
05 January 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA	350					17			8
08 January 2005	ERTUGRUL L-401	FAMAGUSTA	300					17		2	
11 January 2005	ERTUGRUL L-401	FAMAGUSTA	350					20	5		10
13 January 2006	ERTUGRUL L-401	FAMAGUSTA	400					15			10
25 January 2005	ERTUGRUL L-401	FAMAGUSTA	300					26			4
18 February 2006	ERTUGRUL L-401	FAMAGUSTA	150	6	15			10			
20 February 2006	ERTUGRUL L-401	FAMAGUSTA	150	4	15			20			
22 February 2005	ERTUGRUL L-401	FAMAGUSTA	400	4		8		15	5		
16 May 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA	500				6	10	9		
18 May 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA	350	12			4				
20 May 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA	450	2		4					
22 May 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA	400	2				5			10
24 May 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA	350				6	8			
26 May 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA	400				4	5			
29 May 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA	300					9			6
31 May 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA	350				6	6			

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DATE	SHIP	PORT	PERSONNEL	MAIN BATTLE TANK M-48A5	OLD HEAVY TRANSPORT	ARMOURED RECOVERY VEHICLE M-578	OLD JEEP
03 January 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA	120		10		2
05 January 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA	150		20		
08 January 2005	ERTUGRUL L-401	FAMAGUSTA	100		19	2	
11 January 2005	ERTUGRUL L-401	FAMAGUSTA	100				
13 January 2005	ERTUGRUL L-401	FAMAGUSTA	100		20		
22 February 2005	ERTUGRUL L-401	FAMAGUSTA		4	10		
29 May 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA					8
31 May 2005	KARAMURSELBEY NL-124	FAMAGUSTA			10		10